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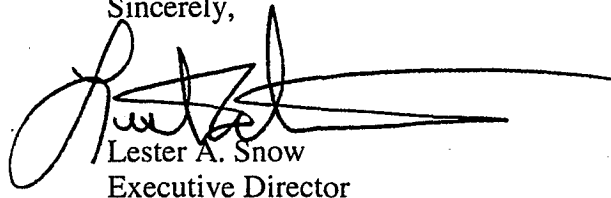
Dear Colonel Klasse:

This responds to your request for funding of an independent third-party contractor to review the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's environmental documents, and assure that the Corps of Engineers can make permit decisions on Program actions in a timely manner.

Since the inception of the Program, the CALFED Management has directed that the Program funds be used for efforts which provide a product in furtherance of the Program. An example of a product that was prepared for and funded by the Program is the streamlined permitting process which will be used by project proponents to move through various regulatory processes in an expeditious manner. On the other hand, CALFED Management has made it very clear that funding and staffing to attend meetings, review of documents, conduct normal business, etc., is the responsibility of the participating agencies. Clearly, your request for funding to review processing of permits falls in this second area.

It is our understanding that all CALFED agencies, including those with regulatory responsibilities, will use their own staff and funding to review and comment upon regulatory items and environmental documents associated with CALFED actions. We recognize the amount of work our Program has added to your already overtaxed staff, as well as the staffs of all of the other CALFED agencies. We appreciate all of your efforts to be as responsive as you have been and look forward to your continued participation. Should you have any questions, please give me or Steve Yeager a call at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

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**CALFED Agencies**

**California**

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service